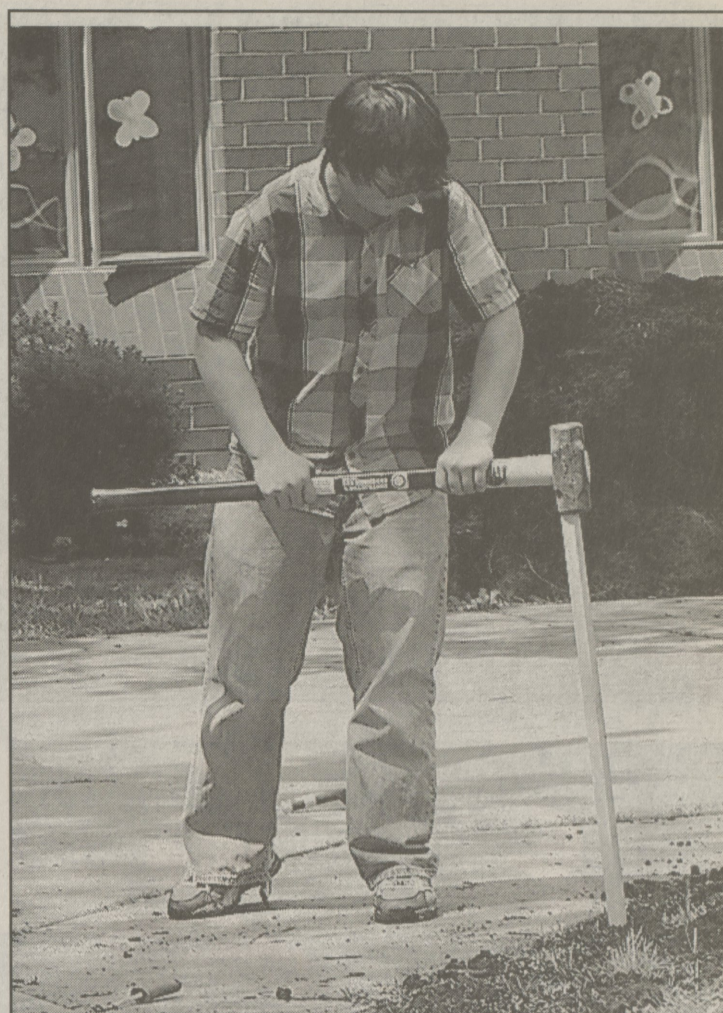




Cleaning the grounds around the Lake-Noxen Elementary School during a Kids Care Day are, from left, Luke Yaple, Savannah Aton, Connor Zekes and Brianna Heiser.



Adam Jacobsky pounds fence stakes in place around the entrance to Lake-Noxen Elementary School as part of a Kids Care Day.

Sprucing up at Lake-Noxen

Students from the Lake-Noxen Elementary School showed they really do care about their school during a recent Kids Care Day at the school. Students and parent volunteers cleaned school grounds by refreshing gardens, raking and planting flowers and grass.

AT RIGHT: Student Jessica Mendes plants flowers in beds surrounding the entrance to the Lake-Noxen Elementary School.



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Students portray orphans in the Dallas Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade production of "Oliver Twist."



Dan Harpersberger, left, and Riley Oremus play trombones during the production of "Oliver Twist."

DES students bring 'Oliver Twist' to life

"Oliver Twist" was presented by students from Dallas Elementary School during their annual concert held in the Dallas Middle School auditorium.

PSU/WB offering Women in Sciences

Penn State Wilkes-Barre is currently accepting registrations for its first Women in the Sciences and Engineering (WISE) program.

Underwritten by Procter and Gamble's Live, Learn and Thrive grant, Penn State Wilkes-Barre is accepting 20 women into the program at no cost. This three-day camp on alternative energy is open to young women currently in grades six through eight and will be held on campus under the leadership of Dr. Wes Grebski, Associate Professor of Engineering.

During this three-day program, middle school girls will gain hands-on knowledge and experience with current energy issues. Beginning with a discussion on what energy is, where it comes from and what "renewable energy" means, participants will build solar ovens and devices for brewing tea using the sun.

Day two of the program emphasizes the importance of jobs in the energy field and how to go after those jobs. Dr. Jon Carson, Associate Professor of Engineering, will discuss the educational aspect of engineering, engineering versus engineering technology and keys to success such as critical thinking, math skills, what courses to take in high

school and the applications of modern science as a tool in engineering.

Gerri Wall, career counselor at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, will talk about getting a head start on potential engineering careers, share guidance resources on the Internet, help WISE participants get a head start on building an effective resume, and how to explore other options in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The final day of the program includes a field trip to Penn State Hazleton to see a photovoltaic power station, experimental wind turbine and a full-sized solar powered car. From the Hazleton campus, students will also see a working wind farm.

The primary mission of the Wise Institute is to facilitate the entry and success of women in STEM fields in an environment promoting gender equity by coordinating efforts throughout Penn State, creating opportunities for women of diverse backgrounds to thrive in STEM fields, mentoring individuals and promoting institutional and cultural change.

For more information or to register, contact Ann Murtagh at 675-9219 or ammm60@psu.edu.

Locals graduate from Seminary

Back Mountain residents who received their diplomas from Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School during the school's 166th commencement on Sunday, May 30, are:

Benjamin R. Adrian, Dallas; Mordecai Judah Bell, Shavertown; Julia Clements, Shavertown; Allison Therese Considine, Dallas; Audrianna Nicole Gavin, Shavertown; Amber Alayna Gollhardt, Dallas; Kelsey Rose Grossman, Shavertown; Madeleine Leigh Hackett, Shavertown. Also, John Patrick Henry, Shavertown; Michael A. Kapolka IV,

Dallas; Garrett D. Konecke, Wyoming; Olivia Faye Lumia, Dallas; Katelyn Kimberly Mericle, Shavertown; Johnathan M. Novak, Dallas; Amanda Lillian Quick, Shavertown; Kathryn Kelly Reinert, Dallas; Amanda Elyse Reiser, Shavertown.

Also, Marco J. Santarelli, Dallas; Emily Lillian Smallwood, Dallas; Sunny Marie Mericle Stirewalt, Shavertown; Nicholas Benedict Lee Strzeletz, Dallas; Adam Henry Thalenfeld, Dallas; George Tsoles, Shavertown; Megan Elizabeth Ustynoski, Shavertown; Zara Zaman, Shavertown.

Several BMT residents receive degrees from Wilkes University

More than 800 undergraduate and graduate students received bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Wilkes University's 63rd annual spring commencement on Saturday, May 22 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre.

Local residents who received degrees include: Susan Allen, Dallas, Master of Science, Education; John Brady, Shavertown, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Cory Brin, Dallas, Master of Fine Arts, Creative Writ-

ing; Sean Deats, Shavertown, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Sarah Decesaris, Shavertown, Bachelor of Arts, International Studies; Anna Dunlap, Harveys Lake, Doctor of Pharmacy, Pharmacy.

Also, Michael Fasulka, Trucksville, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Andrew Feldman, Shavertown, Bachelor of Arts, Criminology; Dawn Harding, Dallas, Master of Science, Education; Beth Karwasiki, Trucksville, Doctor of Pharma-

cy, Pharmacy; Jason Keown, Dallas, Master of Science, Education; Shannon Kotch, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Biology.

Also, Justine Landin, Dallas, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Sarah Navin, Harveys Lake, Bachelor of Arts, Communications; Pamela Oliveira, Dallas, Master of Science, Education; Jason Slavoski, Shavertown, Doctor of Pharmacy, Pharmacy; Jason Sutton, Dallas, Bachelor of Arts, English; Mary Treven,

Dallas, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Jeremy Weinstock, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Accounting.

Also, Licia Witt, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Paul Witt, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Krisa Yurko, Dallas, Master of Science, Education; Rae Ellen Zekas, Shavertown, Master of Business Administration, Business Administration.